

MEMORANDUM

To: DOE Ex Parte Communications Docket

From: DOE Office of Electricity

Date: August 5, 2020

Re: Supplemental Memo to Southern Company's Memo re:
Presentation by Honorable Bruce J. Walker on July 17, 2020
Meeting of The Southern Company Board of Directors
Telephonic Meeting of the Business Security and Resiliency Committee

Responses to Questions from Business Security and Resiliency Committee members:

- **What is timeline to capture existing assets, prequalified equipment, supply chain risk management process?**

There is no specific timeline at this time. The Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of other agencies as appropriate, will propose rules and regulations to carry out the authorities contained within the Executive Order. During the rulemaking process, the Department of Energy will work closely with stakeholders to address this issue.

- **How many systems nation-wide affected?**

This will be dependent upon the Department of Energy's final rule implementing the EO.

- **What is timeline for analysis of equipment by National Labs?**

There is no specific timeline at this time. As previously stated, examples of mitigation measures may include testing components and addressing vulnerabilities or inspecting manufacturing plants. Such measures may be used as a pre-condition to allow a transaction (or class of transactions) that otherwise would have been prohibited.